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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents and English Abstracts attached thereto are enclosed. A copy of a Korean Office Action, dated August 27, 2007, is also enclosed. Please note, according to a commercial database, JP 12-039797 (listed on the Korean Office Action) is equivalent to JP 2000-39797.

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